

# **Transferability of the Post 9/11 GI Bill**

# **INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible service members must have served a minimum of 90 days of active service after September 11, 2001. The percentage of Benefits payable differs based on length of active service, with 100% of the benefit payable after 36 months of active service.

AND,

Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.

ALSO,

If you have left the service with anything other than an HONORABLE discharge, you are no longer eligible. Any Soldier separated with a characterization of general, other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable is NOT entitled to this benefit.

## **Additionally Under the Post 9/11 GI Bill you may receive:**

A monthly housing allowance will be given based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. This amount is based on the ZIP code of the location of the school you are attending.

An annual book stipend of \$1,000 paid proportionately based on enrollment.

# **ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS**

An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse.
- One or more of the individual's children.
- Any combination of spouse and child.

A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.

A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits; however, after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee under this section, the eligible individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

# NATURE OF TRANSFER

An eligible Service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, or the entire 36 months if the member has used none.

Family member use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:

## Spouse:

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books and supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.

## Child:

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
- Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books and supplies stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

# TRANSFER PROCESS

1. Use your CAC card, DoD Self-Service Logon, or DFAS pin (myPay) to log on to the DoD Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Web application: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>.

When the Submit Transfer Request (Home) page displays, your family members are listed in the table under the List of Family Members section.

If a family member is not eligible for DEERS benefits, and thus is not eligible to receive transferred benefits, an **N/A instead of a Yes link appears in the Transfer column for that family member.**

2. To transfer benefit months to a family member, locate the name of the appropriate family member in the table and click **Yes in the Transfer column. The Transfer Months page displays.**

3. On the Transfer Months page, specify a Transfer Begin Date, an optional Transfer End Date, and the number of Transfer Months, then click **OK. Repeat this process for each of your family members.**

Spouses can use their benefit for 15 years after the member separates/retires; children can use their benefits until their 26<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

4. Once you have transfer months assigned to each family member, you must submit your transfer request for approval by doing the following in the Submit Transfer Request (Home) page:

Select the “Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33” check box in the Education Benefit Program section.

Select all the boxes in the Transferability of Education Benefits section to indicate that you have read and understand each statement.

# TRANSFER PROCESS CON'T

4. Continued:

Click the **Submit Request button**.

If the submission is successful, a Submit Confirmation page displays. Click the Return to Editing button in this page to return to the Submit Transfer Request (Home) page.

After you have submitted your transfer request, the Information section at the top of the Submit Transfer Request (Home) page updates to show that the Status is now 'Submitted'. The Status Date is blank and will remain blank until a Service Representative approves, rejects or sets your request to a pending status.

5. To track the status of your request, you will need to return to the TEB Web Application to check the 'Status' in the Information section. Once your request is approved, the status will be updated to 'Request Approved' and the approval Status Date will be set to the date the Service Representative approved the request. An Approval Form also becomes available once your request is approved.

Click: **Approval Form to view or print the approval confirmation.**

# TRANSFER PROCESS CON'T

6. Once your transfer request is approved, your request data is sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Each family member must first apply for a certificate of eligibility from the DVA before they can use their transferred benefits. Immediately complete the **VA Form 22-1990E** either electronically or the paper application and mail it to the DVA. Once the DVA receives the request data and **VA Form 22-1990E**, they will be able to process your family members' requests to use their benefits. The application for the certificate of eligibility (**VA Form 22-1990E**) can be found through the Department of Veterans Affairs' VONAPP Web Site (<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>). A paper form is also available at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>. Or you can call the DVA for Education Benefits information at 1-888-GIBILL1.

7. After receiving their certificates of eligibility from the DVA, your family members must provide the certificates to the school (take it to the veteran's certifying official at the school).

8. If your family members do not receive their certificates of eligibility from the DVA before they enroll in school, they should ask the veterans' certifying official at the school to submit to the DVA an enrollment certification (**VA Form 22-1999**) for the academic term.

Tuition funds will be sent direct from the DVA to the school. Children using months of transferred benefit will receive the monthly living stipend and the books and supplies stipend. A spouse using a transferred benefit will only receive the monthly living stipend. A spouse may also be eligible for the books and supplies stipend if he/she uses the benefit after you separate from active duty.